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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 18 July 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment filed July 18, 2005 seeks to add a new claim. When an amendment adds a claim, the remarks accompanying the amendment must fully and clearly state the reasons on which reliance is placed to show: (A) why the amendment is needed; (B) why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination; (C) why the claims are patentable; and (D) why they were not presented earlier. See MPEP 714.16. The Applicant's remarks explain none of these. The amendment was therefore not entered because of the addition of new claim 39. However, an amendment directed solely to correcting the informality identified in claim 29 would be entered.

This letter will also address the status of the numerous supplemental amendments filed by the applicant.

The supplemental amendment filed June 30, 2005 was entered.

The supplemental amendment filed June 17, 2005 was entered.

The supplemental amendment filed May 31 2005 was not entered because it is a duplicate of the supplemental amendment filed May 24, 2005.

The supplemental amendment filed May 24, 2005 was entered.



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